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State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Asotin County

In April 2012 the Nursing Commission immediately suspended the credential of registered nurse **Angela M. Kaschmitter** (RN00161102). In October 2011 the Idaho State Board of Nursing revoked her Idaho nursing license for drug diversion.

Clallam County

In May 2012 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program indefinitely suspended the certification of chemical dependency professional trainee **Kaya Maraya Silkiss-Hero** (CO60254921) for failing to comply with an agreement to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program.

Clark County

In May 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program permanently revoked the certification of nursing assistant **David W. Surenok** (NC10094590). Surenok was convicted of first-degree child rape, and first-degree child molestation in 2012.

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Franklin County

In May 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Victoria A. Cuello** (NA00191993) for failing to comply with an agreed order to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program.

Island County

In May 2012 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of practical nurse **Dawn A. Tibbett** (LP00049741) for failing to comply with an agreement to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program, and for failing a drug test.

King County

In May 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Sisilia P. Helu** (NA60003530) for five years. She was charged with neglecting a vulnerable adult in her care, who died of infection from unreported pressure sores.

In May 2012 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program indefinitely suspended the certification of chemical dependency professional trainee **Jina M. Milius** (CO60185460) for failing to comply with an agreement to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program.

In May 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credentials of nursing assistant **Stephen L. Jones** (NA60113884, NC60170399) for failing to comply with an agreed order.

In May 2012 the Radiologic Technologist Program suspended the credential of radiologic technologist **Gerardo Ortiz** (RT00000932) for seven years. He was convicted of burglary in the first degree-domestic violence and assault in the second degree-domestic violence.

Pierce County

In April 2012 the Nursing Commission suspended the credential of registered nurse **Jolene Marie Jackson** (RN00099195) for five years for failing to comply with an agreement to enter a drug monitoring program.

Snohomish County

In May 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the certification of nursing assistant **Danielle Thomas** (NC10086847) for three years. She was convicted of second-degree theft for taking and selling personal property of the mother of a disabled child where she provided inhome care.

In May 2012 the Massage Program suspended the credential of massage practitioner **Anatosha M. Wagner** (MA00024020) for four years. She was charged with billing a patient's insurance company for services not provided.

In May 2012 the Massage Program suspended the credential of massage practitioner **Debra Metz** (MA00005026) for five years. In February the department suspended her nursing assistant credential for five years, following charges that she picked up 14 prescriptions of 120 tablets of hydrocodone for a patient, and either failed to document the prescriptions or took the prescriptions without permission.

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